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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Sanitary reports from Rio de Janeiro.*

RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *October 27, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the period October 1 to October 15, inclusive:

There were 487 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 18 as compared with the foregoing fortnight, being at the rate of 32.46 per diem and corresponding to an annual death rate of 15.21 per cent against 33.66 and 15.77 per cent during the preceding period.

The number of deaths in regard to infectious and contagious diseases were as follows: Tuberculosis, 103, against 113; malarial fever, 39, against 31; smallpox, 26, against 33; beriberi, 6, against 5; plague, 12, against 56; yellow fever, 4, against 2; typhoid fever, 4, against 5; influenza, 3, against 2; measles, 1, against 3; dysentery, 3, against 0, and diphtheria, 1, against 0.

There were 568 births—that is, an average of 37.86 per diem, corresponding to an annual birth rate of 17.74 per cent.

The thermometer varied as follows: 21° medium, 16.03° minimum, an extraordinary maximum of 36.2°.

#### *Bills of health.*

Since last reports the following-named ships have been inspected and received bill of health of this office: October 19, steamship *Dinnie*, British, for Savannah. October 20, steamship *Tiverton*, British, for New Orleans; steamship *Cornucopia*, British, for New Orleans; bark *Virgini della Guards*, Helias, for Mobile. October 22, steamship *Ragusa*, German, for New York. October 24, bark *Amy*, American, for Baltimore.

Respectfully,

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RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, *November 6, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official sanitary report for the last fortnight from October 16 to October 31, 1900:

There were 545 deaths from all causes, an increase of 58 as compared with the foregoing fortnight, however, sixteen days against fifteen days, being at the rate of 34.06 per diem and corresponding to an unusual death rate of 15.95 against 32.46 and 15.21 during the preceding period. During the same period of last year there were 629 deaths.

The number of deaths from infectious and contagious diseases were as follows: Tuberculosis, 110, against 103; smallpox, 43, against 26;

malarial fever, 30, against 39; beriberi, 10, against 6; plague, 9, against 12; typhoid fever, 5, against 4; yellow fever, 2, against 4; influenza, 2, against 3; dysentery, 2, against 3; measles, 3, against 1, and diphtheria, none, against 1.

There were 500 births—that is, an average of 31.25 per diem, corresponding to an annual birth rate of 14.64 per 1,000.

The thermometer varied as follows: 34.9° maximum, 16.3° minimum, and 21.88° medium.

*Plague.*

The plague has made the following progress:

Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.	Date.	New cases.	Deaths at—		Cured.	Number of patients in hospital.
		Hos-pital.	Resi-dence.					Hos-pital.	Resi-dence.		
Oct. 16....		2			21	Oct. 24....		1			29
Oct. 17....	2		1		22	Oct. 25....	1				30
Oct. 18....	3				25	Oct. 26....	2				32
Oct. 19....	2				27	Oct. 27....		1			31
Oct. 20....				1	26	Oct. 28....		1			30
Oct. 21....	2				28	Oct. 29....	3			8	25
Oct. 22....	1				29	Oct. 30....					25
Oct. 23....					30	Oct. 31....					25

*Sanitary report from the State of Sao Paulo.*

The official data in regard to the sanitary conditions during the month of July are as follows: The total number of deaths was 3,315, a decrease of 406 as compared with the month of June. From tuberculosis there died 156 persons (28 at the city of Sao Paulo and 22 at Santos), a decrease of 3, and from malaria, 76, a decrease of 49. From typhoid fever there died 37 persons (10 at the city of Sao Paulo), an increase of 10; yellow fever, 12 persons (5 at Sao Paulo, 6 at Santos, 1 at Casa Branca), a decrease of 30; measles, 13 persons, an increase of 5; scarlet fever, 1 person, a decrease of 1. In regard to other infectious diseases there are 3 deaths from diphtheria, 32 deaths from whooping cough, 5 deaths from erysipelas, 9 deaths from dysentery, 115 deaths from influenza, and 11 deaths from leprosy.

*Bills of health.*

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: October 25, steamship *Dunmore*, British, for Norfolk; steamship *Rhodesia*, British, for New Orleans. November 1, steamship *Araucania*, British, for New Orleans. November 4, steamship *Hevelius*, Belgian, for New York. November 5, schooner *Glad Tidings*, American, for Baltimore.

Respectfully,

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CHINA.

*Report from Hongkong.*

HONGKONG, CHINA, November 12, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of inspection work at this station for the week ended November 10, 1900.

The fore-castle, holds, and steerage apartments of the American steamer *Rio de Janeiro* were disinfected to kill rats. Three hundred and seventy-